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SPEAKERS

Allison clark, Freeman

01:05

Good evening Hey, how are you today?

Freeman 01:10

I'm doing good how's it going?

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Oh you look a whole lot different today than in this next event sexy blue suit last night.

Freeman 01:20

Why? You gotta know that usually my every day, not every day but then today I got home and then I had a little bit of time to take my suit off and just throw on another shirt a little more comfortable.

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Come on home and relax. Me

Freeman 01:40

That's right. Yes indeed. Thank you for attending that meeting as well. Oh,

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that was a good meeting really good meeting

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awesome awesome.

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So you just gave you more work to do right

Freeman 01:58

that's my every day Yeah, that's the every day Yes indeed. What I love it especially to paycheck Yeah, we're fortunate enough to be able to do what I love for a living so it's all good

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haven't really been keeping up with the news as well as I should have are the protests are still at the site or ever died down a little bit.

Freeman 03:17

Oh, no, that's still active. Definitely still stood out there. Oh, yeah.

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Must It must be nice to be able to just do something like that not have to worry about where you you know where you're going to eat where you go to sleep. What? You know. There has to be some magic to that. We just don't understand. You know?

Freeman 03:43

I think so too. I definitely didn't didn't get that memo.

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Because I was living in tree houses in storms like today. You gotta have something else has to be going on that I just don't understand.

03:57

Right right.

04:01

Has it stopped raining where you are?

Freeman 04:04

It has Yep. But I drove through it heading home.

04:12

Oh really? are still at the office. It started storming just about the time I was getting ready to get out of here to run home and get set up for the meeting. I'm like I might as well just sit here and go into the meeting from here. Yep. I was asking Tim Peake last night like you don't ever get a chance to go home Do you know cuz storm a few weeks ago at another evening meetings that ran pretty long. And like he said, Well, you know, this is the job and I'm only going to be doing this for a few more years.

Freeman 04:55

And he's, he's a he's got to be tired. I mean, at less than No to law enforcement is a full time thing. I mean it's an everyday all day long thing.

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And when I was telling him I was of course when you get those big promotions you know you've got to get more work so and longer hours so he said big promotions I'm like yeah big promotions

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marshal who got the big promotion nobody was ready like let's get some champagne out

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of a celebration here.

Allison clark 05:42

I was hoping it was I was hoping it was me

Freeman 05:48

Listen, I'm about we're about to start giving promotions in this mean, you get a promotion you get to get one

Allison clark 05:55

I love it. I love it. It just it has to come with a pay raise because I don't want more responsibility with no more money

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that's all they seem to be given out Allison, you know, I

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titles.

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You're ready to get 10 times what you're making now.

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One of the police officers called me to tell me that he had been transferred to my area. And I'm like, oh, Congratulations on your promotion. He said Well, it was really not a promotion. I just just a line item transfer. refer to that as a line item transfer. You just go across the line and you get more work. I'm like okay. New every day.

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He sounds like a businessman

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at a dog or a child in the background. The child

Allison clark 06:57

wants a child in my house.

Freeman 07:00

If it was my house it was a dog

Allison clark 07:06

oh gosh. Yeah, I have I have a house full right now. So please excuse me if you hear children or or or the dog for that matter. Anyone's likely to join this you guys can get to know my family.

07:23

Yeah, the cute family.

Allison clark 07:26

Thank you. Well do in a pinch.

Freeman 07:32

atque Macklemore thanks for joining. And Chief Tyus thanks for joining us well. Hey, everyone. Can you hear me? Yeah. Oh yeah

Allison clark 07:49

it's good to see everybody we'll get get moving in about two minutes here. Since we haven't started my children are fairly quiet. So the moment I start talking, you'll hear from them. Here we go. There's one Yeah.

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Putting Kanto on

Freeman 08:38

right, we'll give it just a few minutes to bring a few more folks on into the meeting. In the waiting room, I do see a couple of folks with just first names and so if you are a member of the stakeholder advisory committee, you can either send me a text or a gesture name on there and that will bring you over

09:32

Hello, everyone

Freeman 09:41

Hey, Jacqueline. Good evening. Hello. Thank you for doing it Madam Chair, if I could give it if we could give it just another minute or so if you Am I

Allison clark 10:01

absolutely no problem? Good evening, everyone. Hi,

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how are you Evening?

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Evening? Evening

Allison clark 10:26

Hello, Nicole, Shawn, I see you're here now.

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Hello. Hello,

10:35

a good evening

Freeman 10:46

on I'm sure I know it's a couple minutes after. So if we'd like to go ahead and I'm happy to, again announce anyone who comes into the meeting after roll call.

Allison clark 10:56

That sounds good. Let's go ahead and get the show on the road. Quick welcome to you all. Thank you so much for taking the time to join us this evening. Committee members as always, this meeting is being recorded time this evening is oops, I hear something.

Freeman 11:14

Sorry, it was the recording notice.

Allison clark 11:15

Oh, no worries, no worries. Again, committee members, thank you for giving your time this evening. And for those of you who are attending in the audience, thank you for taking the time out of your day to participate and listen in on what we are doing this evening. With that, let's go ahead and move on into our Roll Call. Madam co chair Miss Williams, can you proceed with the roll call for us?

11:37

Absolutely. And I have the meeting started at 6:03pm So Miss Clark present Miss cope. Miss Phillips and I know I heard you earlier you I'm here at Miss Nichols here. Miss Lee.

Allison clark 12:00

As a note, Sharon I got a call from Miss Lee she's having a challenge with her internet connection today so she may join us via phone that she can't get on the actual zoom.

12:10

Okay. Excuse me Ms. Rainy here.

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Chief sharable

Freeman 12:20

you have to take tires and for Chief shirvan

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Oh chief ties Okay, thank you Sharon let's see here. Mr. Billingsley. Here Ms. Turner Ms. Turner put it on is as absent Miss Morato present Miss Taylor

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Hey Miss Tucker

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cheap anymore. Good. Yep, Miss atwater's.

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Mr Mason here Oh Miss bass. My apologies. Ms. Burks.

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And then Mr. Hillis

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Hey, let me just check in See 123456 We have six absences.

Allison clark 13:55

Okay. Thank you very much, Miss Williams. Oops, sorry with that. Do we have quorum this evening?

14:09

Yeah, I'm actually checking.

Freeman 14:23

Also, Miss Burks actually is on her way into the room. She's coming over.

14:28

Fantastic. We do have quorum Madam Chair.

Allison clark 14:32

Thank you so much. With that, welcome to the meeting. Miss Burks. We have you on here with us this evening. Just a quick move forward into the adoption of both our agenda and minutes like to accomplish that as one one item. And so I will go ahead and motion to adopt both the agenda and the minutes can I get a second? I second who Was that was raining? Yes. Perfect. If there are any objections to adopting either the agenda or the minutes please speak now all righty with that we can move forward or both the agenda and the minutes have been adopted. And we can move right into our security update this evening, Chief Tyus will you be giving us the security update?

Freeman 15:39

Try as I say you're off mute, but we can not hear you sir.

Allison clark 15:48

Still nothing. Let's, let's go ahead and see if we can maybe give that a moment. If we need to, we can move forward into the fire rescue presentation and circle back to to Titus as needed. Is Bree here, I'm not sure if I see her. Yes. There you are. Yeah. If you could do us a favor and go ahead and put the presentation up for us this evening. Chief Tyus has pre recorded his presentation. I know he's a little under the weather this evening. So it'll make it a little bit easier. We can move through this with the the pre recorded presentation. So if we can put that up. And then we can answer questions following the presentation.

16:34

Can you all see my screen with the agenda on there? Yes. Okay, good. Want to make sure, then keep back the more I don't know, if you want to do an introduction, I can just start playing this. And also please let me know. If y'all are not hearing this audio. I want to make sure that you are able to do that.

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I'm gonna first off apologize, you can go ahead and start it. I did this a few weeks ago, and I would do it live but I had COVID Over the last week and a half and if I talked for a long time are confident with this. So do go ahead and play this is suffice

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Hey, good afternoon, everyone. This James Macklemore with the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department, currently serving as first deputy chiefs. I'm here this evening to discuss the importance of the public safety training center to the city of Atlanta and to our organization. I'm going to jump into my presentation by sharing the screen here shortly.

17:57

All right.

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The purpose was to have this Training Center. A couple of things that will happen for us. It will boost morale, improve retention. Recruit efficiently for public safety personnel receive updated training geared toward bettering the community of Atlanta. And this physical space will ensure that our firefighters are receiving top notch training for the 21st century. Couple of the needs such as the burn beyond being built in first phase. This allows us to maximize the points for the Insurance Services Office the ISO rating, which Atlanta currently have a number one rating, which benefits insurance costs throughout the city. It covers communications of fire department and water supply. So we are doing great in we've maintained a number one radiant this time. Also it allows AFib the ability to reinstate acting Officer in Charge program. This program allows younger members and members with wanting to learn how to be in charge of a unit to get the proper training to put them through live scenarios. Something that we are kind of has been placed on the back burner but due to our lack of handling training facility. Also it will grant members an opportunity to participate in the live training evolutions. Something that we do call minimum company standards allows us to each unit to go out form, test their skills To make adjustments when needed, and just to make it better overall department and member for the organization mix the driving course, that would definitely benefit us bringing our driving modules bag by having a training course that allows us add members to support staffing as extra engine drivers, truck drivers, there's a lot of training in preparation that goes into those members that you see driving the engines, driving Tiller trucks, you know, the ones that have a driver in the front and the driver in the rear. There's a lot of training of specialized training that goes with that preparation and space needed for those starting now. And that's something that we're missing them and not having an active drivers course, by having this in that first wave would allow us to, you know, facilitate more Sargon exams, get more people passed up and to do annual training to make sure our knowledge, skills and abilities are up to speed to make a better driver throughout the city on emergency calls. Next, having a mock fire station, I definitely will allow us to conduct training indoors when there's an event of inclement weather. This also allows the crews to become acclimated to the fire station culture prior to becoming or going into field operations. So while they recruit training, they can actually be in a fire station learning what to do, how to do how to respond. Also conduct real time response training for officers, apparatus operators, and firefighters. That the building is sure that we can have more training, just the acclamation coming in. Also, in this fire station, it will have showers, larger capabilities that are consistent with that cancer prevention initiative that we have throughout the city. And also it will provide a location to store apparatus in an effort to expand the service line for training so that would definitely support our calls and our training facilities. Next, heaven, the fire safety facilities. Having this area heavily during the summer allows us to do more specialized training and so having gas prompts,

overturned tanker evolutions, having the ability to form in practice with water in recovery ponds and being able to just hone in that skill because we do have Nancy Creek Peachtree Creek in the Chattahoochee River that come through the city of Atlanta and from time to time. We respond on homes to aid and assist member I mean individuals or citizens that may have been trapped or lost the canoe or what have you in the water. So definitely gives us that opportunity to further our training. And also in technical rescue, where we have collapse higher as well rescue, confined space. All of those technical components of what we do, will be allowed to train here and have more classes here to make sure or ensuring that our organization is well trained and well prepared to be any incident that may come our way. So in conclusion, having been trained to center bill would ensure our berbil having a place to Burg and perform drills, crew training, updates and continuing ed classes to make sure that our firefighters are up to date in latest techniques in firefighting. The driver course brings about the ability to train drivers to continue training drivers. Get more people involved with training so that when we have Sergeant's exams, there's a promotion to the certification. We have a place to be and take care of training and provide a testing site to move forward and currently we do not have one and this will be a definite attribute to In the city of Atlanta, and again, a bonfire space, I've seen this in other cities throughout Florida, they have actually training stations for members doing EMS work, firefighting, just learning the firefighter culture, and what to do, how to do how to respond, what it actually feels like, would truly enhance what we do here. Also, fire safety facilities have net ability to train, specialized training, having a place to go having a place to regional train, bringing other cities in when we do regional training. When we work with our partners throughout the metro area, you have a net location. And having a enhanced 21st century location speaks volumes to what we do here in the city. And it provides a long term solution, a long term solution. So that BSA I know in my 30 years, we've moved from building or building location to location. But now to have a long term solution over the next, you know, 3040 50 years, speaks volumes that would enhance the fire department, not only, you know, the fire department, but all public safety, having that solution. Having that place when we can meet reasonably enhance other metro areas to come in to training. It just puts Atlanta, the pinnacle of cities throughout the country. And we are a top notch organization. And moving to this top notch training facility would just do wonders. So I'm going to conclude my presentation here. And if you have any questions, feel free to email me. Thanks a lot for the opportunity to share the perspective of lead a fire rescue partner, regardless of the trigger. Thank you and have a good evening.

Allison clark 27:20

Thank you so much, chief Macklemore for that presentation. I

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don't beat that guy up too bad.

Allison clark 27:35

Oh, goodness, well, I will open the floor. If anyone has any questions, please, please feel free to ask them that work. Would you prefer that we have questions sent to you to be answered via email or

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I'll let you know when I stop when I have questions. Yeah.

Allison clark 27:50

Okay. Perfect. I see. Miss Williams, your hand is raised. The floor is yours.

27:55

Yeah. Just a quick question. You mentioned that there's a correlation between training and our insurance rates. Could you elaborate on that?

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Okay, so the ISO rating. The city currently has a rating of one, they come out every four or five years, they assess the water supply the watershed. They assess the water, the fire department's training in the e 911. Communications, there's an algorithm they use and assign a score and lower your score of the better. You're the better insurance ratio received in the business community.

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tastic Thank you.

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Great question.

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Anyone else? Okay,

Freeman 28:50

Madam Chair. I know I'm not a committee member. But if you would mind, only one thing I'd like to just execute Macklemore to it's

Allison clark 28:58

not. Okay. Go for it. The

Freeman 29:05

only question was about chief if you could just talk about the ability for the facility to make the connection between Fire Rescue train and APD training and how this will allow for training together? Because it's my understanding that you don't have that ability or capability now.

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Yeah, great question. I'm having the ability. Because a lot of times, when we have incidents, we all meet in the JOC, and we get it done. And we've worked together. And a lot of us have worked together through the years and we know our partners, but allowing that training center that opens the door for different classes, different scenarios, different tabletop exercises, a central location that houses everybody to work together and to meet our comrades on the other side of PD corrections in meeting and seeing them more often just makes for a better organization. So in any event of something happening, so you know that person will be in the JOC, or you know that person on the scene, it just makes for better camaraderie across the city is great now, but it will be even greater when we blend everyone together. Thank you.

Allison clark 30:18

Wonderful. Thank you for that gives a lot of clarity. Are there any additional questions? All right, Chief McLemore. It looks like you, sir, are off the hook for tonight. You did you did. Thank you for your presentation this evening. And I'm sure if more questions do pop up, committee members will be able to

send those forward. In the interest of moving forward, let's circle back around to Chief Tyus and see if we can get the security update from Atlanta police.

31:05

Hey, good evening, sometimes you just have to be smarter than the equipment you're working with. So not to be defeated. I gotta figure it out here. So good evening, everybody. I'll jump right in it since the cause of us running behind now. As always, since we last spoke, my team has been out to the public safety training center at least twice a week and we go out there to location and sweep for trespassing and contraband. We did not get out there as much, because obviously, you know, everybody know we had the great road race, Fourth of July. So all our officers were working 12 hour shifts that week. So they were not able to get to the location where we went there was that they had came to the location. The little simple stuff like putting concrete, and gates and chain padlock and our gates and things, things, the normal things they've always done to try to defeat us. It simply slows us down a little bit. We continue to go through the property. We were not met by any trespasses on the property. However, we can see evidence of them being on the property. There's a couple of tree houses that we will have removed from the property. So we can take I know what everybody's angst was, was we knows cameras are flat cameras were being damaged. More importantly, the ones on constitution key road, and the one that boardwalk subdivision. So all those cameras were damaged. And I think the one that both walked subdivision was actually damaged twice, it went back down. So we we've heard about that. So major Canton and major Rumson care have been working together, made Rob's promises he's gonna step up his patrolling that area. And we've also put those cameras in our video integration center so that somebody is looking at those cameras 24 hours a day, especially that one on Boardwalk. So we put that one up on our big screen. So we have eyes on that camera. And we have started our investigation, we have included our federal and state partners in this investigation. So we will be looking at electronic signals and see if we can identify the people that were involved in this, our posture continuously same out there, we will not be deterred. We're going to maintain that sight as the fire just stated. We want a great training center so that we can collaborate with fire and give the citizens of Atlanta, you know, the best trained police officers and firefighters that they have. So, at this time, I'll take any questions. Oh, one final thing, we did notice that the does have a week of action, starting July 23, July 31. They have some items on their group like medic training and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. So we will continue to monitor those holster our homeland security, and we will be ready to defend any illegal activities that may occur out there on that property. So I'll take any questions that y'all may have this time.

Allison clark 34:18

Absolutely. Thank you for that update. Committee members. Do we have questions?

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This is Sharon. I would just like to just confirm that no one else has been hurt. No additional officers no developers no construction or or engineering teams were hurt.

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No, ma'am. Well, we're out there in the woods. We have a very I won't call it an aggressive posture, but we have enough officers so when we go in the woods, there are at least four officers assigned to any piece of equipment that going out in the woods. So any develop that go in there, they will have a minimum of four officers that are walking step by step with them as they go into that property. So not Thankfully, no losses, no construction workers have been hurt. But thank you for your concern on that.

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Thank you.

Allison clark 35:09

I do have a question. If no one else does, I am curious to know, with boulder walk falling at the center of some of the more recent activity. I know that the the flocked devices that are outside of the community have been damaged, as well as the one just inside the entrance. And so not only do we have, we have footage of individuals actually trying to tear down the equipment from our community owned cameras. And so I think that the individuals that were attempting to tear down some of the floc equipment, notice that the older walk cameras, were catching their activity, and then they turned their sights on those cameras in an in an attempt to damage those as well. And so and I've been meaning to email about this, and this is entirely my fault for not moving on that quick enough. But I'm curious to know, you know, what steps are in place to help mitigate that, I know that they also painted some colorful words on our community fence, which is something that you know, again, our HOA pays for and maintains. And it's something that says f cop city, except it, obviously the word is spelled out. And that is right on the entrance to our community. And so we continue to see that damage. And I understand that people are, you know, there are those who are upset about this project for a variety of reasons. But boulder walk is kind of finding itself in the midst of their grasp, if you will. So can you talk a little bit more about what can what can be in place there?

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Sure. And so what happening now at that location. So now that group has the attention of four different entities, the Atlanta Police Department, the cap county police department, our GBI, and our FBI partners. So we are all looking at that, because we recognize, you know, if they come after us, we're fine. We're prepared to defend ourselves, but you all are kind of innocent bystanders. So we do not want you all to take the brunt of work, you know, of something we're doing out there because as I said, our posture is very aggressive in the woods. So they have actually stopped coming to the woods, and they're going to different target, target rich environments. They started going to Cobb County for a while, they went out to Congress and started committing mail. So what we what we tend we do, we double this department is out there and we have a commitment from the cab County, that they will put police officers in that area, they will have officers on patrolling that area, they've committed to us that they will work with us to have put some UCS out there. So we are committed to keeping that neighborhood safer within the boardwalk community. What we need from you all is immediately if you see something suspicious, please dial 911. You even if it's a false alarm, we'd rather you err on the side of caution in that community at this time.

Allison clark 38:09

Absolutely. And I will share that out with my neighbors as well. So that, you know, they understand what's at play here. It's unfortunate that we're in this situation, but hopefully, the tides turn in short order.

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Yes,

Allison clark 38:21

hopefully they will. Thank you for that. Are there any other questions? Okay, well, that sounds good. It looks like everyone has asked all of the questions that they have for this evening. If anything comes up

committee members, please make sure to send forward your questions so that we can make sure that you get answers. I'm sure this week of action may include some updates, will you be able to email those out to the committee as needed?

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I will thanks for your robust email list. I will get that out to the committee. Any updates that I see fit for you all.

Allison clark 39:02

Perfect. Thank you so much.

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You're welcome. Thank you.

Allison clark 39:08

All righty. Ladies and gentleman, as I mentioned in our email tonight should be a short meeting. And we have made our way to the general discussion for this evening. I will quickly take the floor very quickly and explain a project to you all and then I will get out of your hair and hopefully we can wrap a little bit earlier here. I just want to make a mention to you that the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Nature Conservancy are working together with a comprehensive group of area advocates and key decision makers to sort of plot out the future of the South River Forest. And so the intent is to determine the boundaries of the South River Forest challenges and opportunities as well as sort of the key priority areas of focus for the city of Atlanta, DeKalb County, and I bring this up because the training center property is right in the middle of all of that South right, or in the midst of what the South River Forest vision is inclusive of. And so there is an opportunity for public input, I do not see a chat for me to drop the link into. So I will, I will share it out a little bit later. But for those watching that, perhaps want to know, it's publicinput.com, forward slash South River Forest, you can go on and complete the surveys that are on there, you could participate and sort of help in the shaping of the vision for what this area ultimately would look like. That input obviously will put be put forth to the various government entities and ultimately, we will see what the South River Forest can be. So I wanted to make mention of that. And I also want to make mention that there are a couple of members of this committee that do serve on the steering committee for that project, as well as there are public meetings, the next one is going to be held on September, the sixth from 5pm to 7pm. So if you all are available, you know, to attend those meetings and give your input please do a location for that September meeting is going to be determined hopefully within the next couple of weeks. And so I will share that information out as well. With that, are there any questions, comments, concerns or items for general discussion? You all are a very easy crowd this evening. With that we can call our meeting adjourned at 6:32pm. Can I get a second

Freeman 41:44

Madam Chair? I'm sorry, one second. I would just like to make sure that the record reflects Hollis Turner initially joined later, I just wanted to make sure that we reflected that she is present.

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We do have her Thank you. Okay, thank you.

Allison clark 41:59

Okay, well, thank you all for your time this evening. Can I get a second on a motion to adjourn?

42:04

Second.

Allison clark 42:07

All right, ladies and gents. We'll see you in about a month.

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And everybody all right, good night.

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The recording has stopped